

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2008-55**

### **Petition for Review by Eastern Washington Growth Management Hearings Board**

**A RESOLUTION,** authorizing a petition to the Eastern Washington Growth Management Hearings Board to overturn approval of six 2007 amendments to the Chelan County Comprehensive Plan.

**WHEREAS,** the City staff presented testimony before the Chelan County Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners expressing opposition to the approval of 2007 Comprehensive Plan Amendments 011, 012, 017, 018, 019 and 021; and

**WHEREAS,** these six amendments, if approved, would allow the construction of 382 homes on five sites totaling 1,250 acres; and

**WHEREAS,** proposed homes would be served by on-site septic systems; and

**WHEREAS,** on-site septic systems, which will eventually fail, are not a modern sustainable means of ensuring public health, and

**WHEREAS,** the WA State Department of Ecology (DOE) identified septic systems as a potential source of the high fecal coliform bacteria levels found in the Wenatchee watershed. (Wenatchee River Watershed (WRIA 45) Fecal Coliform Total Maximum Daily Load Water Quality Report, Publication #07-10-009, January 2007, Schneider, D, J. Carroll, and S. O'Neal) and DOE has further noted a high concentration of individual and large community on-site septic systems along the length of the Wenatchee River which may be contributing to the nutrients causing dissolved oxygen and pH exceedances in the river. (Wenatchee River Basin Dissolved Oxygen, pH and Phosphorus Total Maximum Daily Load Study, Publication #06-03-018, April 2006, Carroll J., S. O'Neal, S. Golding); and

**WHEREAS,** these six comprehensive plan amendments would allow the development of cluster housing which would make it infeasible for the City of Wenatchee to provide public sewer and other urban services for any future developments located beyond these clusters; and

**WHEREAS,** these cluster developments by virtue of their proximity to each other constitute urban development and Chelan County has no known capacity to provide urban levels of service for police, fire, recreation, public transportation, school transportation and snow removal concurrent with new development; and

**WHEREAS,** encouraging the development of clusters outside of the UGA constitutes urban sprawl and diminishes the amount of land left for agriculture and open space.

**WHEREAS**, the approval of these Comprehensive Plan Amendments by the Chelan County Commission violates state planning goals (RCW 36.70A.020); to wit:

- 1) Encouraging development in urban areas where adequate public facilities and services exist.
- 2) Reduction of low density sprawl.
- 3) Encourage efficient multimodal transportation systems.
- 8) Encourage the conservation of productive forest and agricultural lands.
- 10) Protect the environment including water quality.
- 12) Ensuring the adequacy of public facilities and services necessary to support development.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WENATCHEE**, as follows:

The City staff is directed to file a petition for review and any other necessary documents with the Growth Management Hearings Board for Eastern Washington to declare invalid Chelan County 2007 Comprehensive Plan Amendments 011, 012, 017, 018, 019 and 021.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WENATCHEE** at a regular meeting thereof, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of ~~September~~ August, 2008.

City of Wenatchee, a Municipal Corporation

By:   
DENNIS JOHNSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

By:   
VICKI REISTER, City Clerk

APPROVED:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
STEVE D. SMITH, City Attorney